

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 845  
By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Reverend James Henry Walton.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Reverend James Henry Walton; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Walton radiated God's love and evinced the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; through his great capacity for love, dedication of spirit, and faith in God, he enriched the lives of the people of his congregation and his community; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Walton was born May 12, 1932, to Lillie Brookins and the late Anthony Walton, Sr.; he grew up in Montgomery County, where he confessed his faith in Christ as a young man; and

WHEREAS, he served his Lord faithfully as a Deacon at Jones Tabernacle, Assistant Pastor at James Tabernacle, Associate Minister at Mt. Paran, and Pastor of Fountain Creek U.P.B. Church in Culleoka; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Walton's outstanding career as a dynamic and compassionate Pastor and an active civic leader was directly attributable to his reliance on God's grace, his dedication to the time-honored values of hard work and common sense, and his uncommon ability to relate to people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, an unwavering commitment to the work of his Creator and Savior, the betterment of the lives of his congregation, and the welfare of all of humanity were hallmarks of the life and career of Reverend Walton; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Walton was blessed with a great and loving heart for God's work and a magnetic personality, and his congregation benefited from his wisdom and love; and

WHEREAS, he was also committed to the highest ideals of family values, and he was most grateful for the tremendous love and companionship that he shared with his beloved wife, Jimmie; he was the father of Carolyn Murphy, Nathan Caruthers, Patricia Matlock, Henry

Walton, Lila Brown, Cathy Walton, and Tanya Walton, and the proud grandfather of Starr, Bridget, Brandi, La'Trece, La'Kesha, Dacia, Jerome, Jabari, Ralphel, Nathan, Jr., De'Shon, and Ariel; and

WHEREAS, he will also be dearly missed by his mother, brother Anthony Walton, Jr., uncle John Wesley, aunt Betty Gilbert, niece Joyce Mae Talley, nephews James Lewis Walton and Larry Walton, a host of great-grandchildren and relatives, and friends Mother Josephine Carter, Elder Edgar, Mother Mary Rutledge, and Robert A. Crutcher; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Walton leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is not often that a man of Reverend James Henry Walton's stature walks among us, and it is important that we remember his strong character, selfless good works, and life of purpose and commitment to God; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Reverend James Henry Walton, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction as a faithful servant of his Lord.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Reverend Walton.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.